



Phoenix Police Department
Public Affairs Bureau
620 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003



MEDIA ADVISORY

Date/Time: December 8, 2022, at about 10:24 p.m.
Incident: 2022-1832017
Location: 1800 West Bell Road
Victim: Jorge Valenzuela Ramirez, 19-year-old male, deceased
Victim: Adult Female, 22 years old, non-life-threatening injuries
Suspect: Christopher Candia, 29-years-old, MCSO booking number T820299

A Man and Woman are Shot at a Local Restaurant

(December 9, 2022) Phoenix police detectives are investigating a fatal shooting that happened late Thursday night in the area of 18th Avenue and Bell Road where a man and woman were shot.

On December 8, 2022, just before 10:30 p.m. Phoenix police officers responded to a shooting near 1800 West Bell Road. When units arrived, they found a man, later identified as 19-year-old Jorge Valenzuela Ramirez, and a 22-year-old female, both with gunshot wounds. The victims were transported to a local hospital. Ramirez did not survive his injuries. The female victim sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Homicide detectives responded to investigate the shooting. Preliminary information indicates that a fight occurred at the drive through window of a fast food restaurant between two employees of the restaurant, the identified victims, and another man. During this fight, the man fired multiple rounds into the restaurant, resulting each of the victims being hit with gunfire. The suspect took off from the scene.

Later Christopher Candia contacted Phoenix police and turned himself in stating he was the suspect in the shooting. Candia was booked into jail on several charges to include murder. The specifics as to what led up to the shooting are still part of an ongoing investigation.

Sergeant Rob Scherer
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